

ER 10-8159

MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Planning Proposal for Reporting System

REFERENCES : a. ER 10-7914, 14 Oct 1958, from Acting DD/P,
Subject as above
b. ER 10-7914/1, 22 Oct 1958, from DD/I, Subject
as above

STAT 1. I wish to add my concurrence to the proposal that an Agency planning group be established and that it be chaired by this office. Furthermore [] of my Staff, is hereby designated as chairman.

2. The examination of the communications question should, in my view, not be confined to any particular proposal, or proposals, at hand. Rather, the group should take a hard look at the whole communications situation. It may well be that there are far too many documents in the communications mill and that instead of selecting out a few "critical" communications and providing for their additional and separate handling, conceivably the first approach might be to reduce the communications load to the more important messages. After this is done, the question of expeditious handling might be more meaningful.

3. I am quite concerned that [] and the rest of the planning group be uninhibited by any extant proposals and that the results of their efforts may be reflected in an elimination of any useless reporting.

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